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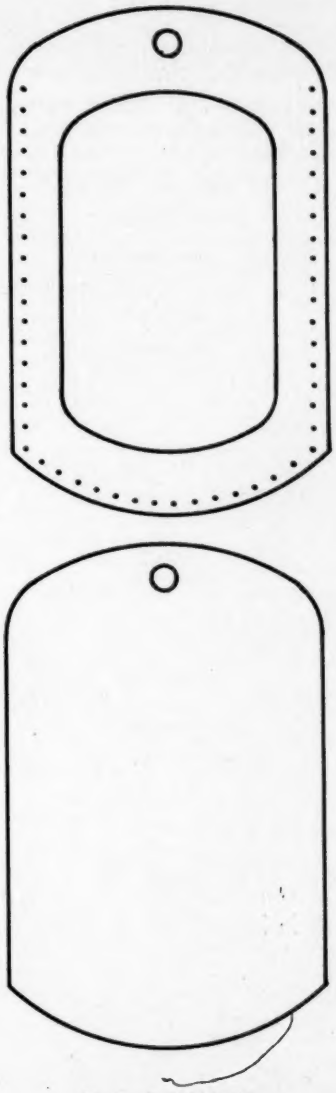

**By J. J. YANDLE**

This item was "dreamed up" by my son-in-law who is a Seabee with the U. S. Navy. Since a serviceman carries two "dog tags" I made him a pair of holders—this, of course, prevents them from making noise, which could be of great help in a combat zone.

For each "dog tag" cut two pieces of leather following the patterns shown here. Goat scraps will do, and for him I used black. Over the opening, I made a window from sheet plastic listed in the Tandy catalog. I have indicated by a dotted line

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